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SUBJ: CODEL HANNA

1. REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD HANNA ARRIVED SANAA JANUARY 27 FROM JIDDA. HE WAS JOINED HERE BY A MR. PARK, A FORMER SOUTH KOREAN NATIONAL ENGAGED IN SHIPPING, ELABORATION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND APPARENTLY POLITICAL LOBBYING IN WASHINGTON. REPRESENTATIVE HANNA HAD INTENDED DEPART JANUARY 28 BUT WAS PERSUADED BY YARG TO EXTEND IN ORDER TO IMPROVE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF YEMEN. THIS CONGRESSMAN HANNA READILY AGREED TO DO, ALTHOUGH IT INVOLVED ELIMINATING A RETURN VISIT TO RIYADH. CODEL DEPARTED WITH MR. PARK FOR OVERNIGHT STOP IN JIDDA AND SCHEDULED ARRIVAL IN CAIRO JANUARY 30.

2. CONGRESSMAN HANNA EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN MEETING KEY YARG DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL OFFICIALS AND REQUESTED EMBASSY FACILITATE. THIS WE DID AND DURING THE TWO AND ONE HALF DAYS OF HIS VISIT, HE WAS INTRODUCED TO MINISTERS OF TREASURY, ECONOMY, DEVELOPMENT, DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION, POLITICAL AND LEGAL ADVISORS TO PRESIDENT, AND GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL
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BANK. AT YARG INVITATION CONGRESSMAN HAD SHORT AMIABLE

COURTESY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT IRYANI ESCORTED BY
AMBASSADOR.

3. REP HANNA EVINced A LIVELY INTEREST IN YEMEN AND
ITS PROBLEMS. HE AND MR. PARK PROMISED YARG OFFICIALS
THAT THEY WOULD ENGAGE THEMSELVES IN AN EFFORT TO
BRING AMERICAN CAPITAL TO YEMEN. THEY EXPRESSED PARTI-
CULAR INTEREST IN CONTRACTS FOR MINERAL DEVELOPMENT AND A
JOINT SHIPPING VENTURE.
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